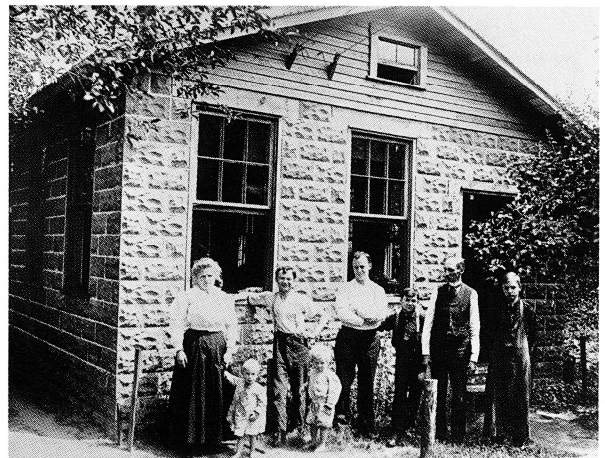




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About 1906, Emil Blessing began making valves for cornets and shortly after moved to the building shown at right, and produced the first complete E.K. Blessing instruments. One of four European craftsmen to begin at about this time, he typified the entrepreneurial spirit and devotion to fine quality.



E.K. Blessing Co., Inc. is the oldest continuous manufacturer of brass wind instruments, in a city world famous for musical instrument making. Our skilled production workers, and experienced and caring management are your assurance that every Blessing instrument gets the attention to detail you deserve as a player.





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B-101-E

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SCHOLASTIC SERIES

A collection of four brass instruments from the Blessing XL Series is displayed in an ornate, classical-style room. A large tuba (XL TO) is the central focus, leaning against a plush, floral-patterned armchair with a red and gold frame. To the right, a small side table holds a crystal vase of flowers and a cornet (XL CR). In the foreground, a euphonium (XL FU) stands on the left, and a trumpet (XL TU) stands on the right. The floor is covered with a patterned rug, and the background features lace curtains and a gilded mirror.

XL STO

XL CR

XL TO

XL TU

XL FU

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ML-1



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ARTIST SERIES

A collection of brass instruments and lamps in a room with wood paneling and a fireplace. The scene is set in a room with dark wood paneling and a fireplace with a marble surround. On a shelf above the fireplace, there is a golden clock on an elephant and two trombones. To the right, a large floor lamp with two lit shades stands next to a trumpet. Further right, another trombone is positioned next to a crystal vase. The overall atmosphere is warm and elegant.

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Flutes and Piccolos

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These fine instruments are available with nickel silver, solid silver, and plastic components, for beginning student and professional artists. All are manufactured in Elkhart, using finest materials and expert craftsmen.

- B-101** Nickel silver body and keys, silver plated, with case.
B-101C Features as B-101, but with both standard and curved head joint. Deluxe case.
B-101N Nickel silver body and keys, nickel plated, with case.
B-102 Plateau model with Split-E mechanism, nickel silver body and keys, silver plated, with case.
B-105 Solid sterling silver head joint, silver plated, nickel silver body, foot and keys, with case.
B-110 Sterling silver head, body, foot joint, plateau model.

FRENCH MODELS (open holes).

French models are supplied with standard "In-line" G-A keys, unless offset keys specifically requested.

- B-103** Nickel silver body and keys, silver plated, with case.
B-106 French Model, as B-103, but with sterling silver head joint.
B-111 French Model, sterling silver head joint, body, foot joint.

OPTIONS: for Flute models

Low B Foot Joint, S.P. (Extra Charge)
Curved Head Joint, S.P.

- B-160P** Piccolo, plastic body and head, silver plated nickel silver keys. Conical bore, key of C.
B-160PM Piccolo, plastic body, silver plated nickel silver head joint and keys.
B-140 Piccolo, silver plated nickel silver throughout.

Scholastic Brasswind Series

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These exciting instruments were designed especially for the beginning student, to be durable, easy blowing, and musically correct. Bore sizes are medium, mouthpiece cups are medium, moving parts are at reasonable tolerances, yet assure air tight fit. All are complete with case and accessories.

- B-125** Trumpet in B^b. Lacquered brass finish, in molded plastic case.
B-121 Cornet in B^b. Lacquered brass finish, in molded plastic case.
B-128 Trombone in B^b. Lacquered brass finish, in molded plastic case.
B-153 Fluegelhorn in B^b. Lacquered brass finish, horizontal slides, in molded plastic single case.
B-150 Valve Trombone in B^b. Lacquered brass finish, wood shell case.

Trumpet in combination B^b and C available on request, Model B-320. Silver or nickel plated finishes, or red brass bells available on special order. Amado water key available on request for trumpet, cornet, fluegelhorn. Optional hand slide available for valve trombone (B-50).

XL Intermediate Brasswind Series

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The XL Series was planned for the advanced student, though frequently used for beginning players as well. Subtle changes in playing characteristics, resistance, and "feel" are the telltale marks of the XL models. The trumpet and fluegelhorn feature first valve slide triggers, and third valve slide stops. Trombones are .500 and .547 bores, with eight-inch and eight and one-half inch bells.

- XL TU** B^b Trumpet, .460 bore with Deluxe wood shell case.
XL CR Traditional Short Cornet in B^b. Deluxe wood shell case.
XL TO Tenor trombone in B^b. Eight inch bell, .500 bore, wood case.
XL FU Fluegelhorn in B^b, horizontal slides, combination trumpet/fluegelhorn case in wood.

Nickel and silver plated finishes optional at extra cost. Red brass bells optional (except on short cornet) at extra cost. Amado water keys optional on valve instruments.

Artist Brasswinds

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Every effort has been made to make this Artist line the finest possible for the serious student and professional player. Our artisans give meticulous attention to every detail, from beginning construction to the final hand finishing and individual testing of every instrument.

- B-145** Artist Trumpet in B^b. Long-tapered mouthpiece, .460 bore, five-inch bell, first valve slide saddle, third valve slide stop, deluxe wood shell case. Monel valves.
ML-1 Artist Trumpet in B^b. Monel valves, five-inch bell, .460 bore, first valve slide saddle, third valve slide stop. Deluxe suede cloth wood shell case.
ML-1 Classic Lightweight Trumpet in B^b. Ultra-light bell and bracing, .460 bore. Super resonance and projection for stage or studio.
L-1 Features as ML-1 but with bore of .468. Available in standard or light models.
B-141 Artist Short Model Cornet, long valve mode. Key of B^b. First valve slider trigger. Deluxe wood shell case.
B-154 Artist Fluegelhorn, three-valves, vertical slides, six-inch bell, deluxe suede cloth combination wood shell case for trumpet and fluegelhorn. Monel valves. 3rd valve trigger optional.
B-155 Artist Fluegelhorn, four valve model, vertical slides, six and one-half inch bell, four water keys, deluxe combination wood shell case. Monel valves.
B-148 Artist Trombone in B^b. 12C mouthpiece, .500 bore, eight and one-half inch bell, dual slide locks, slide bow protector and bumper. Wood shell case.
B-148X B^b Trombone. .500 bore, 8-inch bell, slide bumper, with unique leadpipe design which allows for playing characteristics of a .510 bore trombone. Hard shell case. 12-C mouthpiece.
B-7 Artist Tenor Trombone in B^b. Medium large bore is .525, eight inch bell. Great balance, tone projection. A fine, free blowing ML trombone with just the right resistance. Deluxe wood shell case.
B-78 Artist Trombone in B^b. Same basic specifications as above, but with F rotor attachment. Blessing offers the finest most functional, and smoothest rotors in the music industry.

B-8 Artist Trombone in B^b. .547 bore, eight and one-half inch bell, slide bow protector and bumper. Deluxe wood shell case.

B-88 Artist Trombone in B^b with F rotor attachment. .547 bore, eight and one-half inch bell. Slide bow protector and bumper. Deluxe wood shell case.

B-170 Artist Valve Trombone in B^b. .500 bore, eight inch bell. Squared wood shell case. Monel valves.

Nickel and silver plated finished optional at extra cost. Red brass bells optional at extra cost. (Not available on cornet.) Amado water keys optional at extra cost on valve instruments. Optional hand slide available for valve trombone (B-70).

Marching Brass Instruments

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These fine instruments can be found in some of America's most famous school and University marching bands. Each has been designed to provide the color, projection, and intonation needed for outside performances. Balance is near perfect, bore and mouthpiece selection chosen for most comfortable playing, hour after hour.

M-100 Marching Mellophone, key of F, with French Horn mouthpiece adapter. Ten and one-half inch bell, .468 bore, brass epoxy lacquer with case. E^b slide is optional. Monel valves.

M-200 Marching Trombone in B^b. Eight inch bell, .515 bore, brass epoxy lacquer with case.

M-300 Marching Baritone in B^b. Ten inch bell, .560 bore, brass epoxy lacquer, with case.

M-400 Marching French Horn, key of F. Eleven inch bell, .460 bore, brass epoxy lacquer, with case. Monel valves.

Special plated finishes are available on request at additional cost.

Background Brasswinds

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Traditional background instruments to bring depth and color to the concert band. Euphonium is an upright bell model, with three valves. Tuba is CONVERTIBLE from bell up, to over-the-shoulder marching position, using separate mouthpipe.

B-98 NEW! Blessing's first-ever Artist Bass Trombone. In B^b/F/G^b. Bore is .562, bell is 9.5 inches. Epoxy lacquered finish. 1½G Mouthpiece, deluxe wood shell case.

B-350 Euphonium, key of B^b. 3 valves, bore .585, eleven inch bell, Weight 11 lbs. Molded hard shell case.

B-450 Convertible Tuba, in key of BB^b. 3 valves, weight 16 lbs. 15 inch bell, .670 bore. Converts from upright to marching style via use of second mouthpiece. Conversion kit and case are optional.

Special silver plate finish is available on request at additional cost.

Special Trumpets

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B-152 Artist trumpet outfit in key of C. Monel valves, lightweight, narrow throat, fast flare bell design, 4.75 inches, .461 bore. In suede cloth hardshell case.

B-185 Trumpet in E^b/D. Monel valves, 1st valve slide saddle, 3rd valve slide finger ring, narrow throat, fast flare, bell design. .459 bore. Woodshell case, suede cloth.

B-175 Artist trumpet outfit, herald style in key of B^b. Monel valves.

B-195 Artist trumpet outfit in key of B^b. Discontinued.

B-124 Piccolo trumpet. 4-valve in B^b/A. Discontinued.

B-123 Piccolo trumpet. As above. Discontinued.



Ruthmere House Museum

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